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HOW THE CITY LOANS ITS POLICEMEN TO PRIVATE INTERESTS

Police Records Show That Officers Detailed to Duty in the Interests of Taxpayers, are "Special Guards" at Chicago Offices.

An examination of the records of the police department, compiled to Aug. 16, shows comparatively few instances in which the officers so detailed are not doing actual duty in connection with the department and for the safeguarding of the taxpayers' interests.

But there are some questionable details. Among them are the newspapers which are loudest in their demands that more patrolmen be put on regular beats.

And the city pays the bill.

The Daily News has long had such special guards. For 16 years Patrolman Doherty and Hynes have been on post at the News Office. There is nothing in the report to indicate the News has contributed one cent to the city for this special duty.

The Examiner has one policeman on duty at its office, this particular one having been assigned there four months at the time, the report was made out. The American gets two, one detailed there four years ago, and the oth-

er two years ago. The duty they perform is not specified.

On the Record-Herald premises there is but one guardian, paid for by the city. He played no part in the arrest of one Dowd, an employe of the Record-Herald, who was fined \$200 for an assault on a Tribune newsboy.

The Post is a perfect lady, and has but one city-paid guardian, and he has been assigned there but three months.

In the record there is no mention of a man detailed at the Tribune, but on the first page yesterday that paper admitted having one man detailed there for special duty. And to cap the climax, offered to turn him over to the city any time the city asked for him. And they magnified into a virtue fact that they were offering the city its own property.

Probably this patrolman is detailed at the Tribune to see that school children which may have been deprived of proper schooling by the midnight lease grab